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When You Go Away Have The Journal sent to your Summer address.

Never chase a lie; if you let it alone it will soon run itself to death. You can work out a good character faster than calumny can destroy it.

A CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM

COMPREHENSIVE plans have been mapped out at Washington for building up the American merchant marine. President Wilson, in consultation with Democratic leaders of Senate and House, has approved a project for the expenditure of about \$25,000,000 for the purchase of ocean-going vessels to be used in carrying on the foreign trade of the United States.

A crisis such as has never arisen before, confronts American commerce. We must have ships if we are to sell our surplus products. Private capital is wary of investment, and the ships must be available in the immediate future.

Woodrow Wilson's record so far has been a record of constructive statesmanship. He began with the tariff and followed with the currency law, one of the best examples of constructive legislation ever enacted in this country.

THE PAPAL ELECTION

THE procedure of the Catholic church requires that within ten days after the death of a pope, the cardinals shall assemble to name his successor. The choice of a successor to Pius X is of moment to all Christendom and will be awaited with deep interest and with earnest hope that the decision will be made wisely and without undue delay.

SPORTSMANSHIP

WHEN the European war broke out Shamrock IV, Sir Thomas Lipton's challenger for the America's cup, was on her way, under her own sails, across the Atlantic. She was conducting herself strictly in accordance with the New York Yacht Club's ruling as to challenges which might seek to lift the cup.

The yacht club, holder of the cup and in a position to dictate as to the terms of contest, replied that Shamrock IV had disqualified herself by being towed the 600 miles and that the conditions of the race cannot be altered. Under this ruling the challenger must return to Europe and return under her own canvas without towing.

Austria and her allies have but six representatives in the Sacred College. Here Italy has thirty-three. There are six French cardinals, four Spanish, four American and five altogether from other nations. A two thirds vote of all in attendance is necessary to a majority. The Italians, always in a majority, will have probably more absolute control than usual in the coming conclave for the interruption of travel will doubtless keep away many of the foreign cardinals. There is little doubt that the well-established precedent will be followed in spite of the bitter hostilities that have arisen and that an Italian prelate will be elevated to the papal see.

CAPITALIZE MOUNT HOOD

FAINT idea of what Portland is losing every day not only in dollars and cents but in good report through the lack of a good road to Mount Hood is suggested in a letter to The Journal from a tourist who had the hardihood to attempt a trip to the mountain. He writes as follows:

I have driven up from California by way of Crater Lake and thought I had experienced everything one could experience in the line of beauty. But yesterday I tried to drive to Mount Hood to find that the spike pointed fragments of shattered plank which alternate with the dirt riddled chasms on that road made a brand new experience in auto torture possible.

The damage caused by such conditions is beyond estimate and renders futile all attempts to advertise the scenic beauty of Oregon and the Northwest.

EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY

EVERY young fellow—every man and woman, for that matter—has the right to his own education. It is a social thief, to the extent of the difference or deficit—and morally as bad as any other thief.

Added significance is given the above statement by the hearings before the United States Commission on Industrial Relations which are to be concluded in Portland today.

Something for nothing will be more and more difficult of attainment then. However before we can have the benefits of an eight hour work day in all avocations there must be universal recognition among the majority of those concerned of an enforceable declaration against a shorter work day for any class of people or workers.

THE ANCIENT BELGIANS

HISTORY is turning back its pages two thousand years. The scene of some of the hardest fighting so far in the European war is on the very ground where Julius Caesar met with some of the boldest resistance to his plans for the conquest of ancient France, then counted as

reaching to the mouth of the Rhine. Many of the statements of his commentators are recalled by the events of the last week. In the first chapter of his story he acknowledges the valor of the Belgians. "All Gaul is divided into three parts, one of which the Belgians inhabit." He goes on to say that they are bravest of all the peoples of Gaul, and enumerating the reasons for this, concludes with their nearness to the Germans "who dwell beyond the Rhine with whom they are continually waging war."

NO POSTPONEMENT

THERE is to be no postponement of the Panama-Pacific Exposition's opening on account of the European war. President Moore has issued a formal statement saying that the date remains February 20, 1915, and that today, six months before the opening, the exposition is more than 90 per cent complete.

The exposition management has adopted the courageous and probably the wise course. While the war may necessitate changes in plans, it is not certain that they will be unfavorable. France has formally announced that notwithstanding war she will participate officially. Great Britain, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Russia and Belgium had definitely declined before the European war started. There will be little loss in official representation.

It is a practical certainty that many private exhibitors from European countries will cancel or curtail their reservations, thus limiting the exposition's representative character. But this is unavoidable, and postponement for a year would probably not change this situation.

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THE VACATION MONTH

THE temperate zone August is a month to be lived through. It is enjoyed by some but not by all. It bears about the same relation to summer that March bears to spring. As there can be no perfect June without a March so there can be no October harvest without August.

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PERTINENT COMMENT AND NEWS IN BRIEF

It is lucky that the skunk is not as bloodthirsty as his war cry. Every rose has its thorn, but it might be worse. Suppose roses grew only on the caucuses? Every baldheaded man says that he does not care. He buys the hair restorer merely to keep the druggist happy.

OREGON SIDELIGHTS

The Rev. Philip F. Phelps, a former pastor in the Presbyterian church of Ashland, died recently at his home in Berkeley, Cal., of apoplexy. "Baker county" says the Baker Herald, "will have a record breaking mineral output for 1914 and will have a record output for all the rest of Oregon."

WHAT THE WAR MEANS TO THE U. S.

The great grain-producing and meat-producing peoples of Europe are being starved in the heart of the food-producing center of Europe, the Danubian provinces and the Balkans. It immediately involved the best fields in the United States. The war has meant a shortage of ships, it would seem, will be long left unsupplied under these conditions—for hunger must be served. The conditions in cereals will exist in the near future.

YOUR MONEY IN THIS WAR CRISIS

When we say that America is facing an opportunity to become the world leader in manufacturing, commerce and finance, we are using vague words. So far as the average American citizen is concerned, the opportunity is a little more specific and understandable. Take this matter of manufacturing: We know that, for one thing, the cotton mills of Europe will be crippled to a lesser extent the buying power of cotton goods users in Europe will be curtailed; but the final result will be that the demand for cotton goods in Europe will be reduced.

THE ANTI-TRUST ACT

Portland, Aug. 22.—To the Editor of The Journal—The Sherman law was passed and also whether or not it was really effective upon passage. Was it amended during the Roosevelt administration so that it was effective and operative?

MR. HOLLS CHALLENGES AGAIN

Portland, Aug. 20.—To the Editor of The Journal—Will Mr. Bishop, Mr. Central, Mrs. Dunaway, Ella M. Finney, the Woman's Liberal League, or the other saloon defender, answer the following questions according to fundamental principles of morality, science and facts?

IN EARLIER DAYS

"My father was a friend of Bismarck," said Colonel Henry J. Dorsch of this city. "They were schoolmates. Twice the influence of Bismarck was of great value to us. My father was the colonel in the regiment, as was also his two brothers, and they were in the revolutionary movement in Germany in 1848, and it was only through Bismarck's influence that he was allowed to remain in the country. Bismarck had been making impassioned appeals to the people to found a brotherhood of the Teutonic peoples and to substitute the more enduring bond of a free constitution in place of the union enforced by bayonets. All Europe was in turmoil to wrest from her hereditary authorities a larger measure of freedom.

THE RAGTIME MUSE

Simple Simon Revised. Simple Simon went a-fishing For to catch a whale. All the water he could find Was in his mother's pail. This fact didn't bother Simon, For he simply said, "I can't catch sea creatures 'Germis will do instead!"

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